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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

MS Amendment

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed on July 11, 2005, the present Response is being filed as a supplement. Therefore, the amendments and Remarks as set forth in the July 11, 2005 Amendment are incorporated herein by reference.

In the Amendment each of the independent claims were amended so as to more clearly recite, for example, as described on page 5, lines 10-15 of the present application that each switch 3-1 to 3-m receives the ID numbers of the disk drives to be connected and that each switch 3-1 to 3-m is coupled to each disk drive 4 so as to establish a point-to-point (one-to-one) connection between the switch 3-1 to 3-m and the disk drive 4. Thus, as amended, each switch 3-1 to 3-m is coupled to each disk drive 4 by one of a plurality of first paths 6, thereby forming a point-to-point connection between the switch 3-1 to